(d) From time to time, ONGC has been utilising the services of internationally reputed experts to assess the potentiality of different sedimentary basins of India. As a part of this, the opinion of Mr. John Kingston was taken for the East Coast Basins of India, including the Bengal Basin. Mr. Kingston's report is already well known amongst the concerned ONGC Scientists.

Timely payment of instalments by allottees in Noida.

1193. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NOIDA authorities have introduced a new scheme for ensuring timely payment of instalments by allottees of different properties in NOIDA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme is beneficial to the allottees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) has reported that no new scheme has been introduced and demand for payment of instalments of premium with interest etc., and recovery thereof is made according to the terms of allotment.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

Funds to States under DWCRA

1194. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to different States, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh under DWCRA in 1995-96; and

(b) the funds earmarked/released to Andhra Pradesh under DWCRA in 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The details showing released to different States, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh under DWCRA in 1995-96 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 178, Annexure No. 30]

(b) Central assistance of Rs. 12.60 crores has been released to different DRDAs in Andhra Pradesh under DWCRA in 1996-97.

Setting up of Refinery by HPCL

1195. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited propose to set up a refinery in the country, in collaboration with Saudi Aramco;

(b) if so, the location where such refinery would be set up and the terms and conditions agreed upon with the collaborating company; and

(c) the capacity of the refinery and by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The refinery is proposed to be set up in Punjab. As per the terms and conditions of the understanding, HPCL and Saudi Aramco, will jointly carry out Detailed Feasibility study and intend to form a Joint Venture Company to implement the proposed project, as per guidelines laid down for such Joint Ventures.

(c) The capacity of the proposed refinery is 6 MMTPA. It is expected to be commissioned within 48 months from the date of investment approval based on the detailed feasibility report.

कहलगांव में राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम के निर्माण कार्य से प्रभावित गांव

1196. **श्री नगेन्द्र नाथ ओझा:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कहलगांव (बिहार) स्थित राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम के निर्माण कार्य हेतु भूमि अधिग्रहीत किए जाने से प्रभावित गांवों के विकास हेतु क्या कार्य किया गया है और इस संबंध में कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई तथा इन गांवों के विकास हेतु भावी योजनाएं क्या हैं?